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I. HEADING

DATE: March 23, 1998.  
SUBJECT: Industrial Highway Oil Spill Cleanup  
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II. BACKGROUND

Site No. FPN # 092024  
Response Authority: OPA  
State Notification: Indiana  
Start Date: 6/23/92  
Completion Date: 12/28/95  
POLREP No. 10 and Final

III. SITE INFORMATION

A. Incident Category  
OPA incident category: Fixed facility

B. Site description

1. Site Location

The release was into a unnamed ditch on the Gary Airport property. This unnamed ditch into the Grand Calumet River. See attachment for map location. The release was from a former asphalt plant located next to the airport.

2. Incident Description

Abandoned asphalt plant leaking petroleum product into the Grand Calumet River. See prior POLREPs for further description.

IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

## A. Situation

U.S. EPA responded to a unknown oil release at the Gary Airport in Gary, Indiana. On June 23, 1992 and continued to April 15, 1995. The release was finally contained by installing a groundwater treatment system after more conventional means were exhausted. System was shutdown in 12/95. See prior POLREPs for more detailed description.

I. 6-29-92 Began cleanup of ditch using vacuum truck and oil absorbent boom.

II. 6-30-92 Began excavating oil contaminated soil from ditch.

III. 9-11-92 Completed shipping contaminated soil.

VI. 10-28-92 Due to the on going nature of the release the decision was made to install an interceptor trench and a product recovery and groundwater treatment system.

VII. 11-9-93 Begin construction of groundwater recovery system.

VIII. 3-29-94 Complete construction of system.

IX. 8-9-95 System shutdown.

## V. COST INFORMATION

	Cost \$	Ceiling \$
BOA	648,000	650,000
Total Project		715,000

## VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES

All waste materials Including boom, debris, soil, and liquid product was shipped to the Clean Harbors Facility in Chicago, Illinois.

## VII Future Plans

Due to due to the continued discharge of oil into the ditch the treatment system needs to be put back in operation. A request for funds will be initiated by the OSC and a new FPN will be requested. A cost estimate has been completed for the operation of the system.